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LUSAKA, MARCH 20 -- ZAMBIAN REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN CRISIS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. ZAMBIAN PRIME MINISTER, MAINZA CHONA, ADDRESSING OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN THE ZAMBIAN CAPITAL, SAID THAT ZAMBIA ALSO ACCEPTED THAT AN INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE WAS INEVITABLE UNTIL "ACCEPTABLE TERMS ARE OFFERED TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT." MR. CHONA PRAISED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S "FORTHRIGHT" STAND ON THE RHODESIAN ISSUE. "I MUST COMMEND AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG AND THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING MORE FORTHRIGHT THAN DR. OWEN," HE TOLD THE DELEGATES TO THE MEETING. HE SAID ZAMBIA HOPED DR. OWEN (BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY) WOULD RESIST PRESSURE FROM THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WHO, HE CHARGED, WOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT REACHED IN SALISBURY RECENTLY.

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MR. CHONA SAID: "WE REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND WE ACCEPT THAT AN INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE IS INEVITABLE UNTIL ACCEPTABLE TERMS ARE OFFERED TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS A DUTY IN ENSURING THAT NORMALITY WAS RESTORED IN ZIMBABWE." SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ON THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION, MR. CHONA

CHARGED THAT SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES IN COLLUSION WITH SOUTH AFRICA PREFERRED TO HAVE "WHAT THEY CALL 'MODERATES' IN THE GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA," BUT HE WARNED THAT ANY SETTLEMENT REACHED IN NAMIBIA WITHOUT SWAPO'S FULL PARTICIPATION "IS DOMMED TO FAILURE, AND INSTEAD, THE INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE WILL DICTATE THE COURSE OF EVENTS."

"IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THE PRESSURE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER

ND OTHER LEADERS IN THE WEST ARE PUTTING ON SOUTH AFRICA WILL BEAR FRUIT. ZAMBIA, WHILE SUPPORTING THE ARMED STRUGGLE, IS WATCHING WITH INTEREST THE EFFORTS OF THE FIVE WESTERN COUNTRIES," THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

MR. CHONA TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA WILL BE IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

"INTRANSIGENCE AND UNREALISTIC TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS FOR HEGEMONY ON THE PART OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT HELP ACHIEVE SUCH AN OBJECTIVE. ANY DELAY IN REACHING AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA IS AN ADDITIONAL MENACE IN THE AREA," HE SAID.

HE SAID WHAT HAD COMPOUNDED THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA AND INCREASED RACIAL CONFRONTATION IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD WAS THE ASSISTANCE WHICH SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE EXTENDING TO SOUTH AFRICA, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND SECURITY SPHERES. UNLESS THE UNITED NATIONS TOOK HOLD AND EFFECTIVE STEPS, HE ADDED, ATTACKS SUCH AS UNCLASSIFIED

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